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Kindly tell me if there was ever an English pope, and, if so, who was he and when did he live?

Pope Adrian IV. was by birth an Englishman and the only one of that nation who ever occupied the papal chair. He was a native of Langley. near St. Albans, in Hertfordshire. He was born before A. D. 1100, and his real name was Nicholas Breakspear. He is said to have left England as a beggar and to have become a servant or lay brother in the monastery near Avignon, France, where he studied with such diligence that in 1137 he was elected abbot. His merits soon became known to Pope Eugenius III., who made him cardinal-archbishop of Alba in 1146 and sent him two years later as legate to Denmark and Norway. where he converted many inhabitants to Christianity. Soon after his return to Rome Nicholas was unanimously chosen pope against his own inclination in November, 1154. Henry II. of England, on hearing of his election. sent an abbot of St. Albans and three bishops to Rome with his congratulations. Pope Adrian IV. died in 1159.

Please tell me why a sailor's panta-loons are cut so wide from the knees down? Are wide trousers used by all

The sailor's trousers are cut loose in order to give him more freedom in climbing the rigging of a ship. The same style of wide trousers is used by most of the navies.

Notice to the creditors of Appalachian Hotel Company.

State of Tennessee, In Chancery Court of Knox County. No.15025 Cumberland Property Company, et al. vs. Appalachian Hotel Company

In this canse by order of the court notice is hereby given to all credit | post office recently has been found ors of the Appalachian Hotel Com pany, that the original bill in this cause is sustained and ordered to they have not been seen at that place. stand as a general creditors bill for the benefit of all creditors, who may come in under it. Creditors are enjoined from instituting separate suits and are required to come in by pe tition to file and prove their claims against defendant on or before the first Monday of April 1917, or they of this proceeding,

All creditors filing petitions in this Erwin for more than fifteen years. cause, will execute and file proper Alleging he had been deprived wrong fully of the "affection, society and serv prosecution bonds or take the paupers oath in lieu thereof.

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TO C. W. McCLURE C. E. Buckles vs. C W McClure et al State of Tennessee, in Chancery Court of Knox County. No. 15067 In this cause, it appearing from the oill filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, C. W Clure is a non resident of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant appear before the Chancery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee. on or before the 1st Monday of Feb. next. and make defense to said bill, or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him This notice will be published in the Knoxville Independent for four consec-

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## TENNESSEE NEWS CUT TO THE QUICK FOR BUSY RIEADERS

a means of regulating au to traffic.

Armour & Co. have any ounced their intention of spending \$100,000 in estab lishing a branch in Nash wille

Twelve hundred heavy artillery mules were shipped from Columbia to England last week Thirten miles of pike, the last link

of the Dixic highway, was purchased by Bedford county for \$6,000. Seventy students are now enrolled in the short course in agriculture at the University of Tennessee. They are learning about how to get the best

results from their soil. Sullivan county, Tenn., Including the Tennessee half of Bristol) shows more than 700 automobiles registered. This is an increase over a year ago in excess of 200.

Sheriff Nick Bush, of Hamilton county, has been sued in itederal court at Chattanooga for \$25,000 by Eugene H. Bush, an Asheville negro, who alleges false arrest.

The Jackson city commission an issuance of \$30,000 or \$40,000 bonds for the extension of the sewlerage system bond issues together amounting to \$36,000. Added to the \$12,000 issue voted for building the Charleston school makes a total of \$48,000 in

For the first time in the history o the state, the governor of Tennessee appeared in person before the legisla ture to deliver his message. Govrnor Rye addressed the solons in joint con vention.

In a cave near Johnson City a large amount of the stamps taken from the Reports from the save section state that three men camped there weeks be fore the robbery, but since the stealing

A-total of 57,870 Red Cross Christmas seals were sold in Knoxville this yule tide, according to a complete report just announced by President H. P. Coile, of the Knoxville Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tubercu

Supt. A. G. Kusecker, of the fishery near Erwin Is expecting a the streams of East Tenne see, south western Virginia and western North may be excluded from the benefits | Carolina more than one million black bass and rainbow trout, Supt. Kusecker has been in charge of the hatchery at

United States District Court against They carried the following provisions:

in Knoxville by Judge Von A. Huffaker prohibit the receiving of orders for the of the circuit court against the United Union Workers, the Order of Owls and the Smoke House, all Knowville organ izations, in cases recently field against them charging violation of the nuisance

borders meet at Cumberland Gap, will ager. Mr. Lightfoot began his railroad notable men and women who are ex passenger offices, and has been Assistpected to attend the memorial celebra ant General Passenger Agent since tion of Lincoln Memorial University 1907. Major Danley is, in point of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., February 10 11 and 12.

The Todd off well, near Glen Mary, his railroad career in 1857. is reported flowing over the casing In the first eighteen hours it has yielded over 800 barrels of off John Toomey, in charge of the company owning the Todd wells, states that it is the largest well ever struck in either Tennessee or Kentucky and that it will

mean something big for this state. will hold their annual banquet on Feb ruary 13, in Knoxville, which will bring together many well known captains of industry representing an outbituminous coal mines of Tennessee

and Kentucky. and 120 automobiles and auto trucks dividual recruiting agent during Dewere destroyed when fire destroyed the cember. Under the section of the naplant of the Dixie Auto exchange in tional defense act appointing post-Nashville. The negroes who were masters recruiting agents, she obsleeping in the rear of the first floor tained six recruits for the regular unworthy members. were suffocated. The fire is supposed service from a town of 500 population. to have originated from a bolt of light ning.

An important bill looking to the and Representative A. and Representative A. S. Mont-gomery, of Henderson county. The bill provides for outling and for prose cuting the property owner who wilfully misrepresents the amount of property

he has that is subject to taxation. Building of immense electric power plants in East Tennessee and Kentucky for the burpose of furnishing current for the electrification of the Cincinnati Southern Railway from Chattanooga to Cincinnati are planned, according to information which has been given out. Details of the plan nor the locations of the proposed dams and plants have not been made public, but possibly will be within a short time.

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Sheriff Ray, of Newport, accompanied by deputies, captured a thirty-gallon still on Hall's mountain and destroyed about 100 gallons of beer. Two men were captured in the still room.

In discussing plans for the future of the University of Chattanooga, President Hixson says that it is the intention of the board of trustees to establish in the near future a college of engineering and that the future pos-The Sullivan county court is said to sibilities are good for a department of favor the adoption of the toll gate as liberal arts, medicine and law. Dr. Hixsen says it is his intention to put The total enrollment for the city the university on a plane with the Uni-schools of Nashville for 1916-17 is versity of Tenessee and Vanderbilt versity of Tenessee and Vanderbilt university.

Only East Tennessee may this year have entries in the fourth annual midwinter fat stock show to be held in University of Tennessee experiment farm, in Knoxville, January 22 to 26. For this reason there may be slightly fewer entries than before, but a larger number of exhibits of stock raised exclusively in that section of the state. The money for the show is generously put up by enterprising bankers of

Knoxville ministers of both branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church held a largely attended meeting and unanimously decided that a union of the two divisions of the Church was desirable. All ministers were agreed that so far as this section is concerned, they can see no reason for further division. They expressed themselves as willing, however, to leave the matter with na tional commissioners now considering the question.

Engineers of experience who are nounces that an election would be enrolled in the six weeks course in encalled at an early date to vote on the gineering at the University of Tennessee are learning a great deal which will help them in building roads and to sections of the city not now served | meeting the requirements of Uncle Sam Bradley county court voted two more for a federal appropriation. The course is under the direction of the Tennessee state department of highways and the University of Tennessee. Later a representative of the government will come to assist in the course as will also State Highway Engineer A. M. Nedson.

The presidential electors of Tennessee met in Nashville Monday, Jan. 8, at the state capitol, and cast the electoral votes of Tennessee for Woodrow Wilson and Thomas A. Marshall for president and vice-president. Under the federal statutes governing the election of a president every four years, the presidential electors must meet in the capitols of th various states of the union the second Monday in January and certify the votes of the states as cast in the November election.

With the assembling of the Tennessee legislature, the L. & N. and N., C. & St. L. railroads announced they would not hereafter issue passes through the legislators for their constituents. The Interstate Commerce Commission investigators produced figures at the earing in Nashville, last April show year more than 22,000 passes, with a them. cash value of \$226,000, and most of them at the request of Tennessee and Kentucky legislators.

As the first step in the fight to put the "locker clubs" of Tennessee out of ices" of his wife, Pearl L. Cherry, Don business, four bills were introduced in E. Cherry, Chattanooga, filed suit in the Senate and passed on first reading. Nicholas Walsh, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio To prohibit the storage of liquor by son of the late Nicholas Walsh, Million lodges or associations. To make it unaire distiller, for \$50,000 as damages. lawful for any firm or corporation to Permanent injunctions were issued keep liquor in stock in Tennessee. To lawful for any firm or corporation to purchase of alcoholic liquors. To amend the nuisance act of 1913 to make it more effective.

Circulars from the N., C. and St. L. Railway, announce the appointment of act. It was alleged that the clubs were selling whisky in violation of the law Agent of the system, vice Major W. L. The Governors of Kentucky, Virginis Danley, who becomes Passenger Deservice, the oldest General Passenger Agent in the United States. He began

A bill to amend the Knoxville city charter of 1907 and those of Park City, Oakwood, Lonsdale and Mountain Viey so that the whole may be incorporated into a "Greater Knoxville," is expected to be presented to the State Legislature for action. Federal census estimates The members of the Southern Ap of the population of Knoxville, not inpalachian Coal Operators, Association cluding the suburbs named above, which are really a part of the one city, give this city between 36,000 and 40,000 inhabitants, whereas, if the suburbs were taken in, Knoxville would have put of over \$15,000 annually in the a population of between 85,000 and

Vina C. Mullinax, postmistress at Three negro employes lost their lives Wilder, Tenn., was the army's best in-The government pays \$5 per man. "If one-twelfth of the number of post amount. The more the union pays out masters available as recruiting agents state's relief in the matter of taxation had done likewise," a war department and revenue is now in the hands of statement says, "the regular army Senator Eugene Fulghum of Jackson would now be considerably in excess of the authorized strength.

Senator John K. Shields and Representative R. D. Austin joined in a r quest to General Wood asking the Knoxville be designated as the placfor the Third Tennessee regiment now on the Mxican border to be musteerd out. They were told that the whole question was in the hands of General Leonard Wood, commander of the de partment of the east. Since Knoxville was the mobilization point for the Third Tennessee it is the place where it should be mustered out of the service when the stay on the border is completed, they contends

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# **FUNCTIONS OF** UNION BENEFITS

Views of the Editor of the Shoe Workers' Journal.

INTEREST OF UNITY.

Payments of Sick and Death Benefits Mainly For the Purpose of Strengthening the Organization-An Added Incentive to Keep the Membership In Good Standing.

Lest there be some misconception in the minds of the members as to the true functions of the benefits paid by this union, we desire to outline our conception of the relation of the fra ternal benefits paid to our members. In the first place we wish to say that it was never intended that this union should be purely a sick and death benefit society. We wish to make this statement for the information of certain members whose chief purpose in belonging to the union seems to be to draw sick benefit.

This union was never intended to exist for its benefits, but on the contrary the benefits were created and provided for with the purpose of strengthening the union. In other words, instead of the union serving beneficial purposes as a prime object, the object was that the benefit plans should further and serve the interest of the union.

The object in establishing and maintaining the sick and death benefits was to take care of the needy members in sickness and in death. There are so many wage earners, especially under factory conditions, who become subject to disease or who become run down in health, the shipwrecks of industry who need assistance, that it ing the two roads had issued in one devolves upon the trade union to help

Prior to the adoption of high dues and benefits by this union in the year 1899 the only assistance usually rendered to shoe workers who were incapacitated from work by sickness was in extreme cases, and then only by popular subscription. The popular subscription plan meant that when the sick member was popular he was assisted-perhaps-but if he had not won friends who would take the trouble to start a subscription movement in his behalf he was plunged into destitution without aid.

Moreover, the subscription plan smacks somewhat of charity, while the plan of regular benefits is not so tainted. In this union, when a member pays dues, payment is made for the limited amount of sick and death insurance Agent of the system, vice Major W. L. that we offer, and so if a member becomes ill or dies and the claim comes and Tennessee, the three States whose partment Assistant to the Traffic Man within the law of the organization the member has a right to the benefits prodeliver addresses of welcome to the career in 1896 as stenographer in the vided, and it is not charity in any

> But still it must be remembered that the benefits were created for the members with the main purpose in mind of strengthening the union by taking care of its members in distress and thus cementing the membership together more strongly. It was intended as an added incentive for members to keep themselves in good standing with the union so that the union might be stronger in caring for the interests of the members in their everyday wage working life.

> Now, while the member that has paid dues and becomes legitimately sick and puts in a call strictly in accord with our laws governing sick benefit and the rules governing the same is entitled to the amount of sick benefit provided, and the union wants to pay it because it was so intended, when sick claims that are manufactured or fraudulent are presented for payment it is treasonable to the interests of the union and all of its members, because it means nothing more nor less than a raid upon the union treasury and a sapping of its financial resources by Provided the claims are just, there is

> no disposition to quarrel over the on just claims the better it is, but there is no reason why sick claims should multiply in dull times. It may be distressing to be out of employment, but to say that lack of employment makes twice as many members sick is carrying it a little far. We want to warn the members of this union against permitting an undue increase of sick claims due principally to the fact that more members are at any time out of work. Remember that the benefits were created for the assistance of the union and that it was never intended that the union should be sacrificed to its benefits or to unworthy claims on the same.

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#### THE SHORTER DAY.

The railroads in their protesting against the eight hour day. stating that it would ruin them, are doing so in bad grace and without good cause, when the interstate commerce commission reports that the railroads' net operating income has increased over 45 per cent, and the eight hour day would not increase the operating expenses one-quarter é of that amount. The plea of @ poverty is not tenable in this

#### THE RAISE BY FORD.

Girls Profit by Recognition of Principle of Equal Pay For Equal Work.

Since Oct. 10 the minimum for women over twenty-one years of age employed by the Ford Motor company has been \$5 a day-the minimum established for men throughout the Ford plants in 1913, says the Survey. As yet there is no report of a long procession of women, bables, younger brothers and sisters and mothers across the continent to Detroit, similar to the stampede of men three years ago. About 1,500 are affected, the majority of them clerks and stenographers. The actual collective econor gain, therefore, is negligible. But wide publicity has been given the principle

of equal pay for equal work. Those semiskilled workers, something under 900 in Detroit, who cut leather for the chassis upholstery and who do a more delicate work on the fine wires inside the magneto, gain a substantial increase, as some of them have been paid only \$3 a day. The minimum for apprentices under twenty-one remains at 26 cents an hour. The minimum for apprentices over twenty-one is 34 cents, but the minimum for the trained worker under twenty-one is raised to 43 cents an hour and for the trained worker over twenty-one to 621/2 cents an hour. Women with dependents have heretofore been getting pretty generally \$5 a day, and all have worked the eight hours, as

have the men. At the Long Island City assembling plant in Greater New York the stenographers are apparently not startled by the raise. "How do I like it?" said one of them. "Well, we girls have watched each morning the porter polishing up the handle of the big front door as we came to work, and we have wondered why we didn't buy a rag and polish brass for Mr. Ford-it paid so much better than typewriting. This money

has been coming to us. "But, of course, Mr. Ford doesn't really like to employ women. He says he can't build up an organization with them-they marry and quit work. I'll think twice before I get married now, though. I like my job too well to lose it. And I certainly wouldn't marry a man making only \$30 a week. I can hardly support myself on that," and she laughed, since her standard of living had been raised to that amount only two weeks before.

Mechanics about the shop thought, Sure, the girls should have the money if they could get it." There seemed a doubt in their minds, however, as to whether women were worth quite so much. The fly in the ointment seems to be the general leveling of wages. The head stenographer and the master mechanic, for example, are both a little disgruntled that their subordinates are now their equals in pay. "But you can't afford to kick," they say. \*\*\*\*\*

BE LOYAL.

Loyalty to the union movement and to trade union labels, involving as it does a chance for every member to support the movement almost every day in the year by some positive act, is one of the principal ways in which trade union members can qualify for trade union work. The constant application of this principle will constitute a very fine habit for the average trade union member to get into and will lead him on to the very best form of trade union support and accomplishment.